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SUBJECT: SECRETARY-DOBRYNIN MEETING JANUARY 14

1. DOBRYNIN CAME IN AT MY REQUEST SATURDAY MORNING. WE  
COVERED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. MIDDLE EAST: I INFORMED DOBRYNIN OF THE STATE OF PLAY,  
AND GENERALLY OF WHAT WE PROPOSED TO DO NEXT WEEK. I TOLD  
HIM THAT IF THE AGENDA ISSUE WOULD BE SATISFACTORILY RE-  
SOLVED, WE WOULD SEEK IN JERUSALEM TO START WORK ON A BROAD  
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AS A FRAMEWORK FOR GENEVA; ON GUIDE-  
LINES FOR THE WEST BANK/GAZA MATTER AND ON A DISCUSSION OF  
THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE TREATIES TO BE NEGOTIATED  
BILATERALLY. IN RESPONSE, DOBRYNIN SEEMED MOST CONCERNED  
WHETHER THE DISCUSSION OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE WOULD PRE-  
JUDGE THE SOLUTION BEFORE THERE HAD BEEN FULL PALESTINIAN  
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PARTICIPATION. HE ASKED WHETHER THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT  
ON THE ISSUE OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE DID NOT  
DECIDE IN ADVANCE AN ISSUE ON WHICH BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD  
BE INVOLVED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE TIME PERIOD  
PROVIDED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,  
AND TO THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS, I SAID THAT OUR POSITION  
WAS ESSENTIALLY AS ALREADY STATED IN THE JOINT US-SOVIET

STATEMENT.

3. PNG CASE (SEPTTEL).

4. HORN: I STRESSED OUR CONCERN ABOUT INCURSIONS INTO SOMALI AIRSPACE, DESPITE PREVIOUS ASSURANCES THAT MILITARY ACTION WOULD NOT BE CARRIED INTO SOMALI TERRITORY, AND ALSO ABOUT THE LARGE-SCALE PRESENCE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ETHIOPIA AND THE FACT THAT AT LEAST THE CUBANS WERE INVOLVED IN COMBAT ROLES. I GAVE HIM AN "ORAL NOTE" EMBODYING THESE AND PREVIOUS POINTS WE HAVE MADE. DOBRYNIN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN REPLY: (A) WHY DID THE US NOT MAKE A MORE FORCEFUL CONDEMNATION OF SOMALI AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY? (I TOLD HIM WE HAD RAISED THIS SEVERAL TIMES). (B) THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT THE CUBANS DID. (C) THE SOVIET UNION WOULD SUPPORT A CEASE FIRE IN THE OGADEN, BUT ONLY AFTER THERE HAD BEEN A WITHDRAWAL OF SOMALI FORCES FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD PROCEED IN TRYING TO BRING ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE AND MEDIATION OF THE CONFLICT. I TOLD HIM WE WERE WORKING ON SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND ASKED HIM TO DO THE SAME.

5. MBFR: I EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE DATA EXCHANGE HAD NOT GONE FORWARD DURING THE RECENT MEETING, AND URGED THAT  
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IT BE MADE THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS AT THE NEXT MEETING.  
I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS ON MBFR.

6. LIST OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES: DOBRYNIN HANDED ME A LIST OF FOUR QUESTIONS IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD TO WHICH HE IS AWAITING RESPONSES FROM THE US: (A) WORLD TREATY ON NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; (B) NON-FIRST-USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY HELSINKI PARTICIPANTS; (C) WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE; AND (D) AN AGREEMENT ON BAN ON NEUTRON WEAPONS.

7. BREZHNEV'S HEALTH: IN RESPONSE TO MY INQUIRY ON THIS SUBJECT, DOBRYNIN SAID THAT BREZHNEV HAD EXPERIENCED A RATHER SERIOUS BOUT OF THE FLU, BUT WAS NOW RECOVERED. VANCE

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